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Real rodeo blowout for Calgary

EVENT The Canadian Rodeo Tour Championship went out with a big bang this weekend and for a first time event in Calgary it was pretty good, say organizers.

Spokesperson Doug Fraser said just over 8,500 people came out for the wild rodeo event.

"For the inaugural event, we didn't really know what to expect, so we're pretty happy with the numbers," he said.

"There were a lot of families, but this is a real rodeo and there were a lot of rodeo fans, too."

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From left, Emily, 6, Cassidy, 10, and Haley, 8, all gather round mom Kelly Kirsch, a two-time cancer survivor who participated in the CIBC Run for the Cure at Southcentre Mall yesterday.

Running for the cure

Survivor's battle shared with family

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Beating breast cancer not once, but twice, this survivor defied the odds a third time when doctors said she couldn't have any more kids — instead she had twins.

Kelly Kirsch won her battles and was front and centre with her family yesterday walking in the CIBC Run for The Cure.

"It was really touching to cross the finish line and

"It was really touching to cross the finish line and look back and see all those people walking and running behind us."

Kelly Kirsch, cancer survivor

look back and see all those people walking and running behind us," Kirsch said after the one-kilometre walk.

When Kirsch first found out she had breast cancer she was 35 years old and seven months pregnant with her second child. After a year of treatment she was cancer free for six months

when the cancer came back in her other breast and she was told she couldn't have any more kids, but she again survived.

"The big surprise came when I found out I was pregnant with twins. It was a big shock for us," she said.

"It's never far from my mind that it could come

back again a third time. You just never know," she said, adding she has been cancer free for six years now.

Kirsch and her family were just one of over 12,000 people walking and running in yesterday's fundraiser for breast cancer.

Volunteer co-run director Nadine Tratch said the response was overwhelmingly positive and about \$1.9 million was raised.

"It's really great to see the community come together and they really get involved," she said.

Proposed tax hike creeps higher

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Calgary's possible property tax woes just keep on mounting.

A month ago, Metro reported Calgarians would likely face a 10 per cent property tax hike and now Ald. Andre Chabot said it has ballooned to 12 per cent.

Chabot, who took a preliminary look at the three-year budget that will come to council in November, said he can't envision supporting an increase, which would take

an additional \$129.69 on top of \$1,080.76 from the average taxpayer.

"It's ugly, really ugly."

Ald. Andre Chabot

"It's ugly, really ugly," said Chabot. "City administration is absolutely overtaxed with the amount of frivolous work we're throwing at them, we can't find enough people to hire, we're paying millions in overtime and we're going to see all of that come home to roost here soon."

Canadian Taxpayers Federation's Scott Hennig wasn't surprised and noted council's unwillingness to adhere to normal budgetary processes by approving \$25 million early for 201 new police officers over the next three years.

"For the average Calgarian it means they're going to have to reduce the amount they spend on food, clothing and shelter and other goods, there's no other way around it," he said.

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Man suffers serious injuries in forklift accident

A man was rushed to hospital in life-threatening condition yesterday after he was crushed by a forklift in the Foothills Industrial area. The man, who is in his 40s, sustained serious head injuries in the incident. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

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Local



Notorious C.H.O.

Funnywoman Margaret Cho is bringing her Beautiful comedy tour to the Jubilee Auditorium Thursday night at 7:30 p.m. The show was originally scheduled for Tuesday, but has been moved. Tickets are available at all Ticketmaster locations. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

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City looks at fine for not carrying bags

DOGS Don't leave home without it.

While Calgary already has a bylaw forcing people to pick up their animals' feces while off of their own property, on Wednesday the city's community and protective services committee will look into forcing pet owners to carry something to scoop it up when they leave their yards or face a \$75 fine.

Bylaw boss Bill Bruce said he'd accept anything.

"If they've got nothing on them to pick it up, it's pretty clear they have no intention of doing so," said Bruce, adding the new fine would likely be added to an existing \$250 fine.

Ald. Bob Hawkesworth thinks that, like most bylaws, it will breed compliance in what he views as a minority of dog owners.

"It's a nuisance, but in my experience, it's not this massive, wide-spread problem," he said.

NEIL MACKINNON / METRO CALGARY

Teach city's taggers: Artist

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David Brunning can think of hundreds of better ways to spend \$1 million.

Brunning, a Calgary-based graffiti artist who has painted murals on over a dozen Calgary business walls, said a motion by Ald. John Mar asking for \$1 million to wipe out graffiti could be better spent educating young taggers to turn idle vandalism into an actual art form.

"Let's teach them to throw up some life-giving, purposeful, positive message murals," Brunning said.

Mar, who didn't want to lump actual artists with vandals, said he'd be open to looking into opening up some space for proper graffiti murals as long as they weren't pornographic or racially divisive.

But, Mar said, the thoughtless name scribbles or gang symbols running rampant in the city



Local graffiti artist David Brunning says the city should look at educating local taggers instead of spending \$1 million trying to crack down on them.

detracts from an overall sense of safety by spurring crime — and it has to stop.

"We want to proactively go after this problem," Mar said. "A lot of what we're seeing is vandalism, a criminal offence, and

we're not going to tolerate it anymore."

Tele Asencio, an art gallery owner and former graffiti artist who has had his business tagged on several occasions, supports Brunning's ideas.

"The graffiti in Calgary, for the most part sucks," he said. "But if the city came up with a program to help hone the skills of these kids ... it could help revitalize Calgary's culture."

City hikes golf course rates

SPORTS Expect to pay more to hit the links next summer. The city expects to drive \$393,132 into their coffers with rate hikes at all Calgary golf courses next year, the community and protective services committee will hear Wednesday.

While a seven-day adult pass will rise \$77, the green fees at most city-owned golf courses will cost at least a dollar more per round. **METRO CALGARY**

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Election 2008 Riding profile:
Calgary-Nose Hill

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Nearly one in three are recent immigrants, and more than 35 per cent of the population over 25 have graduated from a post-secondary institution.

A Conservative has never won Calgary Nose-Hill by less than 13,000 votes.



Diane Ablonczy
Party: Conservative

Age: 59

Incumbent: Since 1993

Occupation: House of Commons MP

Quote: "I believe it's my civic duty to be active and involved in the political process to ensure continued transparency, accountability, honour and integrity within the system."



Stephanie Sundberg

Party: NDP

Age: 22

Occupation: Student/city shuttle bus driver

Quote: "It's going to take a lot of one-on-one time with people so they can see that there are options other than Conservative in this province. We've got a long way to go, but you just need to get out there and be willing to listen to people and hear what they want to see."



Anoush Newman

Party: Liberal

Age: 54

Occupation: Executive director, Calgary Multicultural Centre

Quote: "Sure, it's challenging, but what's life without challenging — and I rise to it. It's time Calgary had some more diverse representation, some more progressive thinking in Ottawa."



Tony Hajj

Party: Green

Age: 31

Occupation: Civil engineer

Quote: "Everyone I've talked to wants the Conservatives to be more visible. They get their pamphlets and see the signs, but have yet to talk to a real person, which is good for us, I guess, because we're out there every day."



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THE BORDER

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ALL NEW EPISODE

Second Edson attack never happened

Police now say that an alleged attack on a 20-year-old woman in Edson, Alta., just three days after a 14-year-old girl was slain, never happened. The town had been in a virtual lockdown after the alleged attack. Police said they do not plan to lay public mischief charges. **CBC NEWS ONLINE**

Canada

"This is the first of its kind and has never been tried before."

Krishna Aryal, an official of Explore Himalaya, the agency that organized the first-ever Everest skydive.



Everest jump

Three skydivers, including Canadian Neil Jones, made the first-ever parachute jump over Mount Everest yesterday, organizers and participants said. **REUTERS**



Nathan Fry's mother, Joanne, left, and his brother, Brandon, leave B.C. Supreme Court in Vancouver, yesterday.

Fry guilty on five counts of murder

COURT The man accused of setting a house fire that killed a Vancouver family and a friend as they slept has been convicted on five counts of first-degree murder.

Nathan Fry, 20, was also found guilty of attempted murder and won't be eligible for parole for 25 years.

The jury heard how Bolingo Etibako, then 16, woke to find his house on fire and jumped out a second-storey

window. His mother, three younger siblings and girlfriend died.

Appeal

• Nathan Fry's defence lawyer has 30 days to file an appeal.

Fry maintained his innocence, saying he was ripping off grow-ops that night.

But a videotape played in court showed Fry admitting to an undercover cop, who Fry thought was an organized crime boss, that he set the fire, providing detailed information about the crime.

METRO CANADA

Plants not required to report listeriosis

Four months before the Maple Leaf outbreak started claiming lives, Canada's food safety agency quietly dropped its rule requiring meat-processing companies to alert the agency about listeria-tainted meat, a Torstar News Service/CBC investigation has found.

Twenty people died as a result of the outbreak and federal meat inspectors and their union say this rule change likely made the country's listeria outbreak far worse than it had to be.

Bob Kingston, head of the union that represents Canadian Food Inspection

The old rules

• Before April 1, if a company preparing meat for sale to the public had a positive test showing listeria it "would have had to have been, not

only brought to the (federal) inspector's attention, but the inspector would have been involved in overseeing the cleanup," says Bob Kingston.

Agency (CFIA) inspectors, and four veteran inspectors interviewed for this story fear the rule change, part of the deregulation of Canada's food safety net, continues to pose a serious threat to public health.

The CFIA confirmed that there is no onus on companies to alert inspectors about positive test results.

"If I walk in as an inspector, the plant doesn't come up to me and say we had positive tests today," said Tom Graham, the agency's national inspection manager. But he says the reporting rule will likely be reinstated as a result of the current federal investigation into the Maple Leaf outbreak.

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Soldier injured in roadside blast

AFGHANISTAN A Canadian soldier was injured yesterday when a roadside bomb exploded near an armoured vehicle in Afghanistan, CBC News Online reports.

The soldier, whose name was not released, was flown to the multinational medical facility at Kandahar Airfield, where he is in serious but stable condition.

Girl found hours after amber alert

ABDUCTED An amber alert was issued yesterday after Anastasia Marie Whetton was abducted from a north-end Edmonton playground. The girl was found, apparently unharmed, in a town east of the city several hours later.

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News in brief

HEALTH A report released today by the Ontario Health Coalition alleges it found evidence to suspect 89 possible violations of the Canada Health Act in private clinics in five provinces.

MONTREAL An 18-year-old man has been shot in the stomach by police in north-end Montreal,

CBC New Online reports. The man is in stable condition, police said.

HALIFAX A mistakenly released prisoner turned himself in to police Friday and the justice minister blames the incident on "human error."

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Election 2008



Campaign

Cops investigate vandalism

TORONTO Bizarre and dangerous acts of vandalism have spread into another federal riding in the Greater Toronto Area, with 12 new incidents reported yesterday in Toronto Parkdale-High Park.

The latest come on the heels of 14 similar acts of vandalism in the Toronto St. Paul's riding, reported to police Saturday.

Toronto police yesterday continued to investigate the acts of vandalism, which include the cutting of brake lines, phone and cable lines as well as graffiti defacing homes and garages. The 26 incidents are likely connected and may have been done by one person since they are so similar in nature, Liberal party insiders suggest.

"There is this hatred thing that is so upsetting — hatred of Liberals," said Liberal MP for St. Paul's Carolyn Bennett. "There's no other excuse for this in terms of this kind of intimidation."

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News in brief

NORTH Liberal Leader Stéphane Dion put northern issues in the spotlight yesterday, starting in Iqaluit, Nunavut, where he warned that military might alone is not enough to ensure Canada's hold on the Arctic and urged greater focus on northern residents and "aggressive diplomacy" to enforce its sovereignty.

VOTES NDP Leader Jack Layton is ramping up the rhetoric and his call for strategic voting to unseat Prime Minister Stephen Harper, or at least rob him of a majority. Layton said yesterday in Thunder Bay that Harper cares far more about corporate tax cuts than he does about people struggling to make ends meet or losing their jobs.

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What has an election ad done for you lately?

Do election ads make any difference? A good test is to try to remember the last ad that made a significant splash during an election campaign: An ad notable because it backfired.

The 1993 TV ad by the (then) Progressive Conservatives appeared to make fun of Jean Chrétien's facial paralysis. Its double-dollop of schoolyard bully meanness made a bad campaign worse for Kim Campbell's Tories, who lost all but two of their 169 seats.

Positive ads rarely define a campaign. The one spectacular exception is the TV ad *It's Morning Again in America*, created by ad legend Hal Riney for Ronald Reagan's 1984 re-election campaign. Its irresistible aw-shucks Norman Rockwell Americana helped Reagan whup Walter Mondale by 16 million votes. But the ad's secret ingredient was Reagan himself: Voters believed that he believed the rosy view of

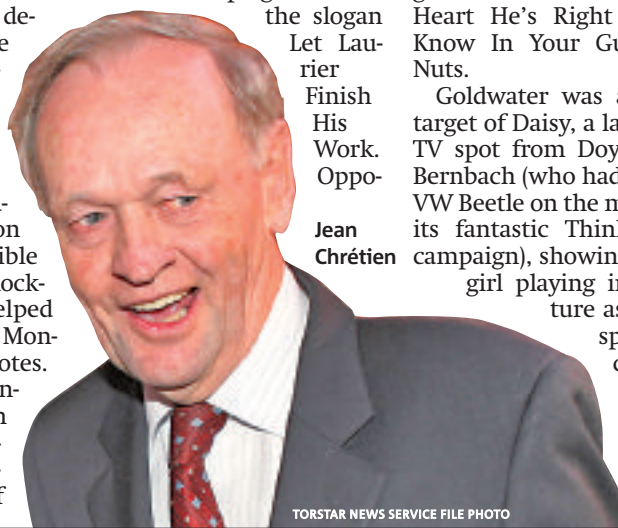
America, and they wanted a plateful of whatever he was having.

Campaign ads are effective in bolstering a leader's image and enhancing doubts about the bad guys. But like most ads, their effect is slow and gradual, like grains of sand filling an hourglass. And they can only work with impressions that already exist somewhere in the voter's mind.

Slogans once ruled election campaigns, but they, too, often backfired. In 1908, the Liberals campaigned on the slogan

Let Laurier Finish His Work. Oppo-

Jean Chrétien



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AdVentures

Mike Tennant



nents mocked: Let Laurier's Work Finish Him.

In 1964, rumours spread that Republican nominee Barry Goldwater was willing — even eager — to use nuclear weapons. Scoffers converted his official slogan *You Know In Your Heart He's Right to You Know In Your Guts He's Nuts*.

Goldwater was also the target of *Daisy*, a landmark TV spot from Doyle Dane Bernbach (who had put the VW Beetle on the map with its fantastic *Think Small* campaign), showing a little girl playing in a pasture as a loud-speaker counts down to a nuclear blast. Over

the mushroom cloud, Lyndon Johnson's voice reads, in part: "We must either love each other, or we must die." Between the lines: Elect Goldwater and he'll nuke your children.

Advertising is not where campaigns happen: They simply divert attention with Neverland imagery of what a party wants you to think.

Campaigns are defined by gaffes, rumours and unguarded moments — inspiring and disastrous — that shift the prevailing winds of public mood.

And the conversation is moving to the Internet through blogs, social networks and instant messaging.

As I write this, a Google search of "Harper" and "election" yields some 98,000 blogs. A YouTube search of "Canada," "election" and "2008" produces more than 1,000 videos. That's where campaigning is headed.

You heard it here first.

Mike Tennant is a freelance ad writer and co-creator/writer of Terry O'Reilly and the *Age of Persuasion* on CBC Radio One.

Young Liberals mix sex and politics

Don't tell the Young Liberals sex and politics don't mix. They sent promotional kits to 60 campuses this fall with posters, pins ... and condoms with the slogans *Make Love Not A Conservative Government*, *Canvas Your Poll* and *Stand Up For Canada* (ahem).

"Hey, we're young Liberals — we can do that," says Adam Miron, head of the 10,000-strong Young Liberals of Canada who, like all self-

"We're seeing a general greying of party politics in Canada, partly because the parties aren't doing a good enough job reaching out to young people."

Prof. Bill Cross

respecting techno-activists, also are using YouTube clips, Twitter campaigns and interactive websites to try to put their peers in an electoral mood.

While the condoms were a hit it remains tough to stir the political hormones of young Canadians who are delaying voting later and later.

"We're seeing a general greying of party politics in Canada, partly because the parties aren't doing a good enough job reaching out to young people," says Carleton University political science professor Bill Cross of, co-author of a landmark study of 2,000 students that shows many don't see party politics as an effective way to make change.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Conservatives



Stephen Harper

Tories to launch counter-attack

STRATEGY Accusing their political opponents of "fear-mongering on the economy" to win votes, the Conservatives will launch a major counter-attack in the last week of the campaign leading up to the Oct. 14 ballot.

"When you are not expected to win government, when you're Opposition leader, when you're down in the polls, you can spend time fear-mongering on the economy and cheering for a recession for your own political gain," a senior Conservative strategist said during a conference call to provide reporters background on the week ahead.

"But when you're the prime minister, you actually have to be honest about the situation. To say that we're going to have serious problems in the banking sector when that is in fact not the case would be destabilizing to markets."

The official's comments appeared to elaborate on comments Prime Minister Stephen Harper made to reporters Saturday night as his tour returned to Ottawa. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

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Pope Benedict yesterday kicked off a seven-day, non-stop Bible-reading marathon on Italian television. The pope read for several minutes from the start of the Book of Genesis live from his apartments in the Vatican while other speakers read in the Basilica of Holy Cross in Rome. **REUTERS**

Pope kicks off Bible marathon

World/Business

Obama fires back over rival's 'smears'

Palin comment signals new McCain strategy

Democrat Barack Obama counterattacked yesterday against a new Republican tactic by saying rival John McCain was more interested in a smear campaign than fixing the U.S. economy.

With McCain losing ground in opinion polls, a campaign strategist was quoted as saying the Republican presidential candidate needed to "turn the page" on the economic issue and make the election about Obama's experience and character.

That effort started Saturday when Republican vice-presidential candidate Sarah Palin accused Obama

Contributions questioned

• The Republican Party yesterday said Democratic presidential candidate Barack Obama had not done enough to

screen out illegal campaign contributions and asked U.S. election officials to look into the matter.

of "palling around with terrorists" in reference to his acquaintance with Bill Ayers, a former member of the Vietnam War-era militant group Weather Underground.

Obama responded at a rally attended by more than 20,000 people in Asheville, N.C., a swing state where the Democrat was busy preparing for his second debate with Mc-

Cain tomorrow.

"Senator McCain and his operatives are gambling that he can distract you with smears rather than talk to you about substance," Obama said. "They'd rather try to tear our campaign down than lift this country up."

"It's what you do when you're out of touch, out of ideas and running out of time," he said. **REUTERS**

Tradition Ready for Yom Kippur



Ultra-Orthodox Jewish boys in Jerusalem hold chickens during Kaparot ahead of Yom Kippur, which starts at sundown Wednesday. Kaparot is an ancient custom where white chickens are slaughtered as a symbolic gesture of atonement.

News in brief

SIGNS EU ceasefire monitors in Georgia reported the dismantling of a Russian checkpoint near breakaway South Ossetia yesterday, saying it was the "first open sign" of a promised Russian troop pullback by Oct. 10. Russia sent forces into Georgia to repel an offensive by Tbilisi to retake South Ossetia from pro-Moscow separatists.

COURT Amid a presidential race that may decide its future direction, the U.S. Supreme Court begins a new term today with cases about tobacco company lawsuits, protecting whales from Navy sonar and a government crackdown on dirty words on TV.

WAR Britain's commander in Afghanistan has said the war against the Taliban cannot be won, the Sunday Times reported. It quoted Brig. Mark Carleton-Smith as saying that if the Taliban were willing to talk, then that might be "precisely the sort of progress" needed to end the insurgency. **REUTERS**

Business

Bank-sponsored venues face identity crisis

Performance venues love blockbuster events, but not the kind that are currently affecting their naming-rights partners.

The takeovers of big banks like Washington Mutual (WaMu) and Wachovia are forcing venues with long-term naming-rights deals with these institutions to grapple with unex-

pected branding challenges. Some even face the prospect of losing a partner at a time when replacing one lucrative naming-rights deal with another could be a difficult task at best.

The WaMu Theater at Madison Square Garden in New York, the WaMu Theater at Qwest Field in Seattle, the Wachovia Center

in Philadelphia and the Wachovia Arena in Wilkes-Barre, Pa., are among the venues being forced to deal with the fallout of the financial crisis.

Millions of dollars are spent positioning and branding arenas and theaters, so a name change creates unwanted headaches. **REUTERS**

No melamine in milk: China

SCANDAL China said new tests had revealed no melamine in liquid milk on the home market.

Officials also said on Thursday the latest chemical tests had come back clean. More than 5,000 inspectors carried out "round-the-clock scrutiny" at dairy factories. **REUTERS**

Canadian airlines hit turbulence

AIRLINES WestJet Airlines Ltd. said its passenger loads shrank last month to 75.5 per cent compared to 78.7 per cent a year earlier, as the economy weakened and its capacity increased.

Air Canada reported a higher load factor but it cut its capacity by nearly 7 per cent. **REUTERS**

Business in brief

MINING The number of junior mining companies will shrink as tight credit conditions and plunging commodity prices

force explorers to find deep-pocketed partners or fall, an analyst told a Canadian mining conference on Saturday. **REUTERS**

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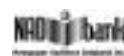
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Going Green

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Canadians produce more than 21 million tonnes of garbage annually, according to Greenology: How to Live Well, Be Green and Make a Difference by Tanya Ha. Approximately 30 per cent of household waste is organic material, much of which could be put into compost bins.

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Putting humans in their place

Andrew Weaver's recently published book, *Keeping Our Cool: Canada in a Warming World*, is an urgent call to action that some of the folks running for the privilege of leading us into the future seem to be ignoring.

Weaver, a world-class climatologist who is putting the University of Victoria on the global map, was one of the lead authors on papers put out by the UN Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change. In that role, he shared the Nobel Peace Prize last year with other panel members.

In the book, Weaver argues that if we are to stabilize atmospheric levels of

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carbon at a level that will not result in the climate going haywire, we must begin with massive reductions in greenhouse gas emissions now with a goal of totally eliminating our output of them. If we don't, 80 per cent of all species could become extinct! That's an astounding prediction, and if we think we'll somehow survive such a catastrophic

crisis, we should think again.

We've got to see the world as it really is — a complex interaction of air, water, land and living things, all interconnected and all interdependent.

We are rampaging across the planet, treating it as our plaything, as our source of raw materials, as our dumping ground for our waste and emissions. And then we whine like mad when reminded that we have to change and we have to pay for what we do. Why haven't we heard more about this perspective in the current election campaign?

Dr. David T. Suzuki is a Vancouver-based award-winning scientist, environmentalist and broadcaster.

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Sports



Jankovic wins in Stuttgart

Serbia's Jelena Jankovic, left, celebrated her imminent return to the top of the world rankings with an easy 6-4, 6-3 victory over Nadia Petrova in the Stuttgart Grand Prix final yesterday. Second seed Jankovic, who will replace Serena Williams as world No. 1 today, took advantage of regular errors from the unseeded Russian Petrova to clinch victory in 83 minutes.

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CFL's wild West gets tighter

DAN TOTH
for Metro Calgary



The West has gotten a little wilder than the Calgary Stampeders would like.

Despite securing a Canadian Football League playoff spot for the fourth consecutive season, the Stamps blew an opportunity on the weekend to distance themselves from the pack in the tight West Division playoff race. While the goal is still to finish first and earn a bye to the West final, a three-way tie for top spot has made that quest a little more difficult.

"We had expectations to be in the playoffs, but we set the bar higher than that," said Stampeders quarterback Henry Burris, who committed two turnovers in a 37-34 loss to Saskatchewan on the



DAVID STORBE/REUTERS

Saleem Rasheed, left, and the Calgary Stampeders were unable to stop the Saskatchewan Roughriders on Friday night.

weekend.

"We want to make sure we're shooting to be the best of the best and that's to have a first-round bye. That's what we're in a battle for right now and we can't hold back until we get that for ourselves."

The 9-5 Stamps woke up

this morning in a three-way tie with Saskatchewan and B.C. for first place in the West while Edmonton is just two points back of the pack.

A West final bye, a feat the Stamps haven't achieved since 2000, would provide the team with a

one-week rest and home-field advantage for a winner-take-all trip to the Grey Cup game.

The loss in Regina was even more shocking because the Stamps had won six of their last seven games while the Roughriders were on a three-game losing streak and were fielding a thin lineup due to injuries.

The surprising stumble casts doubt on whether the Stampeders are indeed the team to beat in the West this season, although Burris remains confident.

"There's never any doubt in our minds but when you're playing on the road against a very good team — just as we feel we are — anything can happen and turnovers can change the outcome of the game," Burris said.

"That's just how close the West is."

Sports in brief

MLB Pat Burrell belted two of Philadelphia's four home runs, as the Phillies earned a trip to the National League Championship Series for the first time in 15 years with a 6-2 victory yesterday over the Milwaukee Brewers.

GOLF American Dustin Johnson birdied the last two

holes to claim his first victory on the PGA Tour by beating Australian Robert Allen by one shot at the Turning Stone Resort Championship yesterday.

NFL Kansas City's Tony Gonzalez became the all-time leader in receiving yards by a tight end yesterday.

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MLB	Philadelphia vs. Milwaukee	SATURDAY'S RESULTS
AMERICAN LEAGUE	SATURDAY'S RESULT	Edmonton 36 Winnipeg 22
DIVISIONAL SERIES PLAYOFFS	Philadelphia 6 Milwaukee 2	Hamilton 44 Montreal 38
BEST OF FIVE	(Philadelphia wins series 3-1)	
L.A. Angels vs. Boston		
LAST NIGHT'S RESULT		
L.A. Angels 5 Boston 4 (12 ings)		
TONIGHT'S GAME		
L.A. Angels at Boston, 6:37		
(Boston leads series 2-1)		
Tampa Bay vs. Chicago W. Sox		
YESTERDAY'S RESULT		
Chicago 5 Tampa Bay 3		
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Tampa Bay at Chicago Sox, 3:07		
(Tampa Bay leads series 2-1)		
NATIONAL LEAGUE		
DIVISIONAL SERIES PLAYOFFS		
BEST OF FIVE		
Chicago Cubs vs. L.A. Dodgers		
SATURDAY'S RESULT		
L.A. Dodgers 3 Chicago Cubs 1		
(Dodgers win series 3-0)		
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	W L T PTS	YESTERDAY'S RESULTS
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	x-Saskatchewan 9 5 0 18	Atlanta 27 Green Bay 24
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		Tennessee 13 Baltimore 10
	EAST DIVISION	Indianapolis 31 Houston 27
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	y-Montreal 9 5 0 18	Washington 23 Philadelphia 17
	Winnipeg 5 9 0 10	Denver 16 Tampa Bay 13
	Toronto 4 10 0 8	Dallas 31 Cincinnati 22
	Hamilton 3 11 0 6	Arizona 41 Buffalo 17
	(x - clinched playoff spot)	New England 30 San Francisco 21
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University of Winnipeg a 'no-fly zone' for Conservative candidates

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Workology



UBC in NCAA?

The University of British Columbia is in the final stages of deciding whether to apply for membership with the National Collegiate Athletic Association at the Division II level, and interest is growing among NCAA schools for UBC to join.

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Jimmy 'The Iceman' MacNeil cometh

OddJobs

Diane Peters

It's a little known fact that two, not one, hockey-related stars have come out of Brantford, Ont.

You've probably seen one of them — his name is Wayne — work his magic. Less likely, you've watched Jimmy MacNeil and his ice-related skills.

For 20 years, 47-year-old MacNeil has been a certified ice technician. Most call him a Zamboni driver. (Olympia also makes ice resurfacers, but Zamboni is the name that's stuck.)

He rose to fame back in

1999 when the Zamboni Company went on the hunt for the Zamboni Driver of the Year. MacNeil triumphed in the Internet competition partly thanks to the support of factory staff at the Zamboni factory in Brantford. After winning his title, "The Iceman" MacNeil got a lot of exposure on TV and radio. He also drove a Zamboni across Canada in 2001 and raised \$1 million for the Canadian Hockey Association.

This was not his original career plan. He studied history at Sir Wilfred Laurier University in Waterloo, Ont., and planned to become a teacher. But after graduation, his father became ill and needed help with his mechanic business.

At the time, Alex MacNeil was one of the few who could fix ice resurfacers. So

father and son kept busy visiting arenas in southern Ontario and the northern US. MacNeil wasn't the greatest apprentice mechanic, but he loved arenas.

"There's a certain aura about it. The cold, the smell of the popcorn and the hot dogs. If you want to meet a lot of happy people just having fun, just go to an ice rink," he says.

After five years of helping his dad, MacNeil got a job driving an ice resurfer in a nearby township. He started taking courses to get certified and three years later started driving for the Brantford and District Civic Centre.

Although the kids at the rink today have no memory of The Iceman, they often ask for his autograph.

"There's something so unique and cool and fun about watching this ma-

chine take all that snow that the players have made and in 10 minutes

restore the ice to what it was. It's such a fun thing to watch."

Diane Peters once hawked magic pens at the Canadian National Exhibition. She's now a writer and part-time journalism instructor.

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Entertainment

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New Designs

Kate Winslet is to play fashion designer Vivienne Westwood in an upcoming movie, which will document Westwood's rise to fame from the 1970s to the present day. **IMDB.COM**



DeGrassi rings bell

As *DeGrassi: The Next Generation* rolls into its eighth season, it's introducing, well, a next generation.

A fresh new class of brainy Grade 9 overachievers is among the changes coming this season (which premiered last night on CTV) on a series that continues to chronicle teen angst and channel it out to millions of acne-obsessed fans around the globe.

With seven seasons in the can, long-time executive producer Linda Schuyler said the show's creative team "decided to stir up the school right from its very heart."

She said: "It's almost like seven years is a generation. One of the things we were thinking about as we went out to plan our Season 8 was to bring new life into the school."

"I don't think there's been a year since the first season that we were so committed to such a big influx of younger students," Schuyler said of the deci-



Dalmar Abuzeid as Danny and Nina Dobrev as Mia in a scene from *DeGrassi: The Next Generation*.

sion to bring in nine new faces. The eighth season will also follow the tribulations of dorm life for three veteran cast members who've graduated to Smithdale College.

Another big change is the replacement of level-headed principal Mrs. Hatzilakos with a new guy, the Shep, a brash, football-loving jock whose disdain for

scholarly pursuits will put him at odds with the existing administration.

Producers are also working on a story arc that takes some of the cast members to Hollywood, where they'll hook up with two long-time *DeGrassi* fanatics, director/actor Kevin Smith and Jason Mewes (who've previously appeared on the series). **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

Bollywood strike hits end

INDUSTRY A strike in India's Bollywood film and TV industry is over after executives agreed to implement better pay and working conditions for staff, **IMDB.COM**

reports. Production on both movies and TV shows ground to a halt last week after thousands of technicians and actors walked out.

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In brief

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Karen and Jack are back

Former Will and Grace co-stars Megan Mullally and Sean Hayes are set to star in a spinoff of the hit comedy. The pair will reprise their roles in Karen and Jack, which is in development at NBC. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**



TV debates face off

ARGUING FOR DOLLARS: Scheduling the English leaders' debate the same night that the U.S. vice-presidential candidates faced off might have been a dumb move, but it was a typically Canadian one, kind of like putting an Air Farce special up against the season finale of Lost, complaining that there was, of course, never a chance in hell of comparable ratings, and even taking perverse pride in the humiliation as a Canadian identity-building exercise.

You had to admire the Pollyannaish pluck of Steve Paikin, moderator of the Canadian debate, just before the credits began rolling, when he blurted out that "This was way better than Biden and Palin, I'm sure of it!" The funny thing was that he was kinda right.

The formats couldn't have been more different — a stately stand-up at dueling podiums that allowed candidates to state and re-state their positions and respond at length versus a roundtable pile-on that resembled the family dinner you're still trying to forget more than any co-

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herent discussion.

Every candidate seemed to have gone in with some folksy catchphrase or gotcha punchline loaded and chambered: "You panicked!" "I call that the ultimate bridge to nowhere." "Laissez-faire, I don't care." "Joe Six-Pack, hockey moms." "I want my Canada back!" "Say it ain't so, Joe!" It was like they were competing to write gags for the inevitable Saturday Night Live or Rick Mercer parody to come, though the fact that SNL had theirs ready to air two days later is probably an endorsement of private versus publicly-funded broadcasting.

Bloc Quebecois leader Gilles Duceppe had no real reason to be there except protocol, but his stinging observation that at least he wasn't under any illusion that he'd be prime minis-

ter one day — unlike the other three candidates not named Harper — was a welcome shaft of clarity.

Sarah Palin might not have deprived Tina Fey of any material to work with, but she blew past any idea that she's a lightweight on the campaign trail, and Joe Biden probably regretted his apparent decision not to risk coming off as a bully. By the end, though, I'd gotten bored with the U.S. debates as the candidates started to sound like tired fighters swinging blindly at each other, while the Canadian debates remained gripping — if horrifying — theatre right till the end.

The fact that I was able to watch both — viewing one live and TiVoing the other for later — instead of making a hard choice between the two did, however, make me long for the pre-VHS, 8-channel dawn-of-cable world of the '70s, a near-luddite nostalgia for which I was completely unprepared.

Rick McGinnis writes about music, movies, books and television, but not opera.

Complaining: A salve for sore times

I'm a great believer in inspirational sayings. Little phrases that sum up what life's truly about and the attitude you want to bring to it. Like, "When life gives you lemons, break out the gin and tonic." Or "I'm worth it. At least once it goes on sale."

Until recently, I've lived life by one deeply truthful saying. "That which does not kill me, makes me whinier."

But now, I've seen the light. And it's purple.

I was flipping television channels on the kind of night when you realize that if you're watching Yugoslavian women's volleyball finals it means you're just too tired to go to bed. I came across one of those southern Baptist evangelical preaching shows. I love those shows. The world seems a simpler place when you take out all those confusing issues like choice and thinking.

Anyway, this minister was promoting a new purple bracelet campaign. He explained that what's wrong with the world isn't poverty, violence, injustice or not being able to take a deep breath twenty years

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Anne Hines



"Until recently, I've lived life by one deeply truthful saying. 'That which does not kill me, makes me whinier.'"

from now.

Apparently, what's wrong is that we all complain too much.

Complaints are bad. They are "peace harmers." You see, this is where this program is helpful because previously I thought they were opinions.

So, what we do is order one of these purple plastic bracelets, which I did, and every time we complain we move the bracelet from one wrist to the other.

This is supposed to train us not to complain any

more, which sounds easy but it's actually really hard. You see? That was complaining. I have to move my bracelet.

A woman on the TV program said that she managed not to complain for a month. Unfortunately, her husband told her she was no fun. It didn't say if she was fun before that. Some people aren't. Wait. Is that complaining? I have to move the bracelet. But maybe it's just telling the truth. I should move it back. This is complicated. Shoot. I have to move it again.

This is making me nuts. Shoot. Other wrist. And, isn't complaining sometimes "peace enhancing"? Letting off steam is all that gets us through some of life's trickiest situations, like driving in traffic or attending family gatherings. At least without police intervention.

I'm moving the bracelet. To the trash bin. But it's amazing how well that thing worked. I feel more peaceful already.

Anne Hines is an author and humour writer. She has written three novels and one collection of nonfiction humour.

BookPicks

The Smart Cookies' Guide to Making More Dough

Authors: Andrea Baxter, Angela Self, Katie Dunsworth, Robyn Gunn and Sandra Hanna with Jennifer Barrett

Publisher: Random House

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Female financial fivesome The Smart Cookies who appear on their own eponymous show on W Network and write a regular column in Metro have broadened their portfolio with a book for maximizing your income. Joined by Newsweek editor Jennifer Barrett, the group covers a variety of topics in the social spending and financial planning realms. The group continues to delve into controlled spending, proper investment practices and understanding property value. Conversational but correct, The Smart Cookies' guide lives up to their saavy and sweet name.

Brian Coulton/for Metro Canada

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	555	545	67 TOON	World of Quest	Johnny Test	George-Jungle	Bugs Bunny & Tweety Show	6teen		Total Drama	Futurama
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	553	546	17 TREE	Little Bear	Miss Spider	Comfy Couch	Rolie Polie Olie	Beren. Bears	Babar	Backyardigans	Dora-Explorer
	-	-	18 CHTV	The Insider (N)	E! News	(8:01) Boston Legal		Til Death	How I Met	How I Met	Worst Week
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	602	568	23 W	Shopping Bags	Style by Jury	Will & Grace	Friends	How Clean	House	Love It or List It (N)	
sports	521	560	24 TLC	Jon & Kate	Jon & Kate	17 Kids-Count	17 Kids-Count	Kids by the Dozen		Jon & Kate	
	603	561	25 FOOD	Good Eats	Ace of Cakes	Kitchen Nightmares		Restaurant Makeover		Challenge	
	615	520	26 A&E	Intervention "Dan"		Intervention "Lawrence"		Meth in the City		Intervention "Leslie"	
	617	522	32 SHOW	Prime Suspect 7		Love-Death	Love-Death	Painkiller Jane		Kenny-Spenney	
	601	562	33 SLICE	Beautifl People	Party Mamas	Project Runway		Til Debt-Part		Newlywed	
	-	633	34 ENC2	Princes	(7:25) The Clowns *** (1970, Fantasy)			Pitch ** (1997, Documentary)		This Film Is Not Yet Rated	
	520	505	35 DISC	Vermintors (N)		Dirty Jobs		Daily Planet		Vermintors	
	620	523	36 BRAVO	Dance		7 - Solvents		Law & Order "Tango"		Without a Trace	
	294	650	40 WPCH	(6) Panic Room (2002)		Cheers	Family Guy	Seinfeld		Panic Room *** (2002, Suspense)	
	626	547	41 COM	Laughs	Comedy Now	Air Farce	Just for Laughs	Corner Gas		The Simpsons	
family	-	539	42 TCM	20th Century	(7:45) Hands Across the Table (1935)			(9:15) Nothing Sacred (1937, Comedy)		(10:45) Lady by Choice	
	628	584	43 SPIKE	CSI: Crime Scene Invstgtn.		CSI: Crime Scene Invstgtn.		CSI: NY (HDTV)		Trek: Voyager	
	522	516	45 HIST	Tanks "Fall of France"		NCIS "High Seas"		Beyond The Da Vinci Code		NCIS	
	627	528	46 SPACE	Battlestar Galactica		Eureka (N)		Stargate SG-1 (DVS)		Lost "...In Translation"	
	-	-	47 AMC	(6) Wall Street *** (1987, Drama)	Michael Douglas.			The Hustler *** (1961, Drama)		Paul Newman, Jackie Gleason.	
	619	525	49 TROP	News Show	News Show	TV Made, Do It	Very Bad Men	What Happen?		TV Made, Do It	
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critics' corner

The Cho Show

Enough, already. The world does not need another "days-in-the-life-of" series. Nothing against Margaret Cho; she's still a funny lady with an interesting take on life, the universe and everything. But wouldn't you rather watch her do a stand-up routine than sit through the mundanities of her offstage life? Unless you're gung-ho for Cho, this show is a no. 11 PM on COM



Heroes

Seeing a future where nearly everyone has abilities, a world destined for destruction, Peter (Milo Ventimiglia) resolves to prevent this earth-shattering end — whatever the cost — and takes on a dark, unwieldy ability to save the world. Meanwhile, after Hiro and Ando (Masi Oka, James Kyson Lee) allow Angela's (Cristine Rose) half of "the formula" to be stolen, they set out to uncover the identity of the villain who hired Daphne (Brea Grant). 10 PM on CICT

Celebrity Buzz

Miller getting over her fears

CELEBRITY Sienna Miller has conquered her phobia of watching herself on screen, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

"I used to be a lot more uncomfortable with watching myself on screen," the actress says. "You just have to relate it to when you hear your voice back on a tape machine and go, 'Oh God!' Multiply that by about 10,000 when you're watching yourself on a big screen. Now I try and be a lot more

objective. There are certain bits that you look at and go, 'Eugh!' but I think it's almost more narcissistic to be like that. I'm trying to see it as a collaborative piece of work."

Miller also said she has no intention of slowing down, and intends to star in as many movies as possible.

"So everything is busy at the moment, and fortunately I seem to have limitless amounts of energy," she says. "I don't know how I do it, but I can just keep going."

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Pink's dating drought

DATING Pink "never" goes on dates, femalefirst.co.uk reports. The singer, who

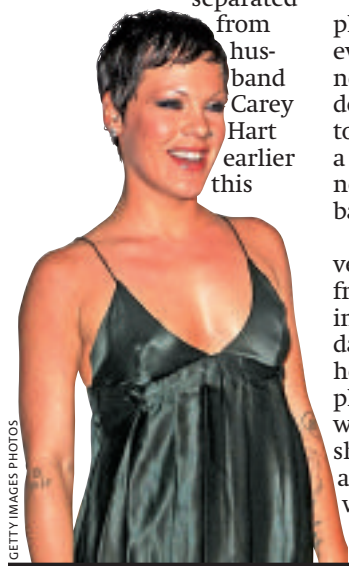
separated from husband Carey Hart earlier this

year, prefers to meet men in less pressurized situations.

"I meet boys all over the place. It's just that I don't ever go on dates. I have never been on a date. I don't believe in that, it has to be organic. A barbecue, a show or whatever. I have never met anybody in a bar," she says.

However, Pink also revealed she has a number of friends who are attempting to persuade her to start dating. "Lately I have been hearing from a lot of people, like married couples, who have met in a bar," she says. "I'm always amazed. So maybe that is where I am going wrong."

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Halliwell wants a baby

FAMILY Geri Halliwell wants a baby with her dancer boyfriend, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The former Spice Girl, who already has two-year-old daughter Bluebell Madonna with scriptwriter Sacha Gervasi, is keen to have a child with Ivan "Flipz" Velez, but is reportedly bonded so well with Bluebell.

"She wants a second child soon and says that if she falls pregnant with Flipz then it wouldn't be a problem," a source

says. "At the moment they are besotted with each other and Flipz is keen on having a child with her."

Halliwell, who began dating Velez after he worked as a backing dancer on the Spice Girls reunion tour, is confident her beau will make a great father because he has

"He wants to be a permanent fixture in her life and Geri loves the fact he gets on so well with Bluebell," the source added. "She's got a perfect family unit and a baby would be icing on the cake."

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Baron Cohen strikes again

FILM Comedian Sacha Baron Cohen was ejected from a catwalk show during Paris Fashion Week in France on Friday, after climbing on stage and attempting to slip a note to the models, imdb.com reports.

Cohen is filming scenes for his new movie *Brüno: Delicious Journeys Through America for the Purpose of Making Heterosexual Males Visibly Uncomfortable in the Presence of a Gay Foreigner in a Mesh T-Shirt*.

Dressed as his camp alter-ego Bruno, he attempted to carry out his

latest stunt at the Jc De Castebajac show — scenes which are suspected to feature in his forthcoming comedy.

But he suffered a setback when the models and audience ignored his presence and continued despite the disturbance. Staff promptly ejected Cohen, in what is his fourth attempt to disrupt a fashion show.

Dressed as Bruno, Cohen twice crashed shows at Madrid Fashion Week in Spain and was also thrown out of a show in Milan, Italy last week after storming the runway and strutting along the catwalk — prompting organizers to call the police.

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celebrity briefs

McConaughey's new clothing line

FASHION Actor Matthew McConaughey has just launched a brand-new online store for his clothing line j.k. livin, People.com reports. The name takes its inspiration from McConaughey's 1993 film *Dazed and Confused*, while his father is the man stenciled into the line's logo. Jklivinstore.com has apparel for men and women, including sweatshirts and T-shirts, as well as accessories, infant onesies and even frisbees and wristbands.



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Hurley a country gal at heart

LIFESTYLE Elizabeth Hurley has gone country, people.com reports.

Inspired by her life with husband Arun Nayar and son Damian, 6, on their bio-dynamic farm in the English countryside, the actress-model, 43, tells People, she is "developing a line of products ... with a view that they're not only going to be healthy, because they're organic, but I'm obsessed that women find alternatives to eat which are low in fat."

She says her organic farm produces low-fat products, which may help reduce the risk of breast cancer.

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"This makes no sense at all..."

by Joe O'Neill

One of the more inspiring ongoing sagas of modern times is the valiant struggle of ex-Spice Girl **Geri Halliwell** to remain somewhat relevant.

The latest news finds the utterly talent-deprived gorgon in the news for, uh, maybe wanting to have a baby with her kind-of boyfriend who's also a good dancer.

OK, Geri, I get that you think this "Flipz" guy will make a great parent because he "bonds" so well with the unfortunately named child you already had with old Whathisnamewhocares, but maybe you and the Flipster should start with something that isn't a living, breathing, human being as a token of how much you sort of dig each other. Like, say, buttock tattoos of one other's names rendered in Chinese characters.

What's that you say? Tattoos aren't quite the "icing on the cake" that a baby is?

Well, you've got me there, but I tend to think you'd be better off actually being physically ground into a granular paste, spread on a bunt cake, and eaten by **Hannibal Lecter**, than being the child of any parent egocentric enough to speak of you as icing on her cake.

Especially if her name is Geri and she makes you listen to her old CDs.

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